(3) 19 तकनीकी ग्रेड सामग्री पर 75 प्रतिशत की रियायती दर पर सीमा शुल्क लगाया जाता है ।

Review of Oilseed trade Policy

792. DR. SANJAY SINH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Technology Mission for Oilseeds has recently called for a review of the oilseed Trade Policy in India taking into account the new economic policies of Government;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what decision Government have taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

मध्य प्रदेश में बाढ़

793. **श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग** : क्या **कृषि** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने सितम्बर, 1992 में राज्य के पूर्वोत्तर जिलों में आई बाढ़ तथा भारी वर्षा के कारण हुई जन-धन की हानि के संबंध में एक विस्तृत रिपोर्ट भेजी है जिसमें उक्त प्रयोजन के लिए अतिरिक्त सहायता देने का अनुरोध किया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो केन्द्रीय सरकार से कितनी अतिरिक्त सहायता राशि की मांग की गई है और अब तक प्रदान की गई सहायता का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा मध्य प्रदेश सरकार को अतिरिक्त सहायता राशि प्रदान नहीं की गई है, तो इसके क्या कारण है और यह सहायता राशि राज्य सरकार को कब तक उपलब्ध कराए जाने की संभावना है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुल्लापल्ली रामचन्द्रन) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) और (ग) राहत उपायों के लिए मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने केन्द्र से 9.00 करोड़ रुपए की सहायता मांगी थी । राज्य सरकार के निवेदन पर वित्तीय राहत व्यय की वर्तमान योजना को मद्देनजर रखते हुए विचार किया गया था । आपदा राहत निधि के केन्द्रीय अंश की चौथी त्रैमासिक किस्त की 693.75 रुपए की राशि अग्रिम रूप से मध्य प्रदेश सरकार को निर्मुक्त की जा चुकी है ताकि प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में राहत कार्यों को चलाया जा सके ।

Prawn Culture Project in Orissa

794. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that leading environmentalists, jurists, social activists and political leaders have strongly denounced the Prawn Culture Project at Chilka lake in Orissa and appealed to the Centre and the Tatas to call off the project; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A number of representations have been received regarding environmental implications of Joint-sector Prawn Culture Project of Government of Orissa and Chilka Aquatic Farms Ltd., in Chilka Lake. The Government of Orissa have been advised to undertake a detailed environmental impact study of the project by a multi-disciplinary group.

Expansion of Lift Irrigation facilities in Orissa

795. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Orissa Government would receive German Credit around Rs. 70 crores for expansion of the Lift Irrigation facilities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Credit assistance would be utilized for installation of 1000 lift irrigation points; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA) : (a) to (c) The project proposal for installation of tubewells under River Lift Project in Balasore, Cuttack and Puri districts of Orissa costing Rs. 51 crores (1989 price level) was posed for German assistance. The project envisages installation of 150 numbers Lift Schemes (100 numbers from Greeks and 50 on Rivers) for creating irrigation potential of 6,000 hectares in kharif and 6,000 hectares in rabi through the former and 10,000 hectares through the latter on rivers like Subarnarekha, Budhabalanga, Baitarni, Bhehmani and Mahanadi and tributaries. The project has been posed for a German assistance of 55 million Deutsche Marks. Agreement has not been signed and further development are awaited.

Central assistance for drought situation in Bihar

796. SHRI GAYA SINGH :
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Bihar has submitted a memorandum to the Central Government seeking assistance of Rs. 1,117 crore to fight severe drought situation in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) and (b) State Government of Bihar has submitted Memoranda seeking Central assistance of Rs. 1200.12 crores for relief measures in the areas affected by drought during the current year. The request of the State Government was considered in the light of existing scheme for financing relief expenditure. Based on the report of the Central Team and recommendations of the Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG), 4th quarterly instalments of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for the year 1992-93 and 2 quarterly instalments for the year 1993-94, totalling to Rs. 19.6875 crores have been released, in advance, to the Government of Bihar.

C.A.C.P. recommendations on wheat price

797. SHRI N. E. BALARAM :
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices has recommended the prices of wheat at Rs. 300/- per quintal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) and (b) The Report of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices on Rabi Crops of 1992-93 including Wheat is at present under consideration of the Government.

Income Tax on agricultural income

798. SHRI PASUMPON THAKIRUTTINAN :
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the issue of income tax on agricultural income was discussed in the special meeting of the Indian Council of Agriculture Research held at Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, what important decisions were taken in that meeting ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A reference was made to the Chelliah Committee report on taxes as to who will decide for the purpose of levying income tax on the people who are in farming and not in business and *vice-versa*. A need for clearly defining this was emphasised and for differentiating a farmer having ancestral land depending on agriculture for generations, from the one who had no land in 1950's and bought land to safeguard himself.